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Hisamitsu Takagi et al.

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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- 1) The Declaration which shows the correct Foreign Application; and
- 2) The Amended Application Data Sheet which shows the correct Foreign Application.

Applicant additionally requests that all pertinent U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records relating to the subject application be changed to reflect this correction.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this request. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 12088/042001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP04/10289 07/20/2004

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 05/02/2006

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/565,566**

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Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

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Preliminary Class

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

外国での先行出願

2003-200177

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Amended Application Data Sheet

Application Information

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CD-ROM or CD-R?::	None
Sequence submission?::	None
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